

Remarks

Applicant would like to thank Examiner Moran for the telephone conversation of July 27 with Applicant's attorney, during which the issues raised in the Office Action of July 25 were discussed. In that conversation Applicant pointed out support in the specification and drawings for the material objected to as new matter and agreed to insert into the specification additional support for that material, which he has done in this amendment. This amendment is a duplicated of the amendment filed July 5, 2005, which was not entered, except for that additional support added to the specification. Applicant encloses a check in the amount of \$60.00 made payable to the Commissioner of Patents for the late fee.

Applicant enclosed a complete set of drawings for this application with his amendment filed July 5, 2005, which the Examiner has in her possession.

The specification was objected to. Page 5, paragraph [0024] has been corrected and antecedent basis has been provided for the claimed subject matter.

Claims 1 to 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, The specification has been amended to support the claims. No new matter has been introduced. All of the changes to the claims are described in the specification and are shown in the drawings.

Claims 1, 3, 6, 9, and 11 to 14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Neppell in view of Koecher. Claim 2 was indicated as being allowable and Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of Claim 2. Therefore, Claim 1

and all the claims that depend from Claim 1 should also now be allowable over these references. Claim 2 has been canceled.

Claim 7 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Neppell and Koecher further in view of Ulrich. Claim 7 now depends from amended Claim 1 and therefore should be allowable.

Claim 8 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Neppell and Koecher further in view of Cheng. Claim 8 depends from amended Claim 1 and therefore should be allowable.

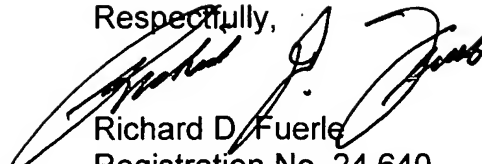
Claim 10 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Neppell and Koecher further in view of Applicant's specification. Claim 10 depends from amended Claim 1 and therefore should be allowable

Claims 15 to 29 were indicated as being allowable if the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112 were overcome. Those rejections are now believed to be overcome.

Claims 2, 4, and 5 were indicated as being allowable if rewritten to include the limitations of the base claim and if the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112 were overcome. The claims now depend from amended Claim 1, which incorporates the subject matter of allowable Claim 2, and the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112 are now believed to be overcome.

As all of the objections and rejections are now believed to be overcome, reconsideration and allowance of Claims 1 and 3 to 20 are requested. The Examiner is invited to call Applicant's attorney at 716-774-0091 to resolve any remaining problems.

Respectfully,



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